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RE: Comments - Los Osos Community-Wide HCP

Dear Mr. McKenzie

In response to your public notice letter dated 9/20/13 (<http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Assets/PL/environmental/Los+Osos+Communitywide+Habitat+Conservation+Plan/NOP.pdf>), this letter is to provide comments related to required Fire Department activities that should be included in the analysis of this EIR/NEPA document. These are routine activities that may fall under facilities use that should be addressed under the HCP and authorized under the terms of the eventual Incidental Take Permit. Please see responses below to the eight informational items requested:

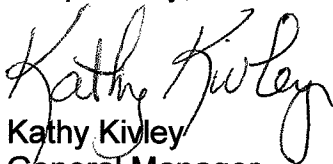
1. **NAME OF CONTACT PERSON.** (Please include address, e-mail and telephone number)
Battalion Chief Phill Veneris
South Bay Fire Station
2315 Bayview Heights Drive, Los Osos CA 93402
Phil.Veneris@fire.ca.gov, 528-1053
2. **PERMIT(S) or APPROVAL(S) AUTHORITY.** Please provide a summary description of these and send a copy of the relevant sections of legislation, regulatory guidance, etc.
 - Title 4 - LOCSD Fire Code
 - CCR Title 19, Division 1, §3.07(b)
 - PRC 4291
3. **ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION.** What environmental information must be addressed in the EIR/NEPA document to enable your agency to use this documentation as a basis for your permit issuance or approval?

Potential impacts to listed species from the activities described in #4 below.

4. **PERMIT STIPULATIONS/CONDITIONS.** Please provide a list and description of standard stipulations (conditions) that your agency will apply to features of this project. Are there other conditions that have a high likelihood of application to a permit or approval for this project? If so, please list and describe.
- Routine Fire Department activities include:
1. Hydrant maintenance involving flushing of large quantities of water
 2. Vegetation clearance around hydrants
 3. Enforcement of the local weed abatement ordinance which requires residents to maintain defensible space around structures by removing excess vegetation.
 4. Enforcement of local hazard abatement, which requires landowners to abate fire hazards on unimproved parcels.
 5. Complete large scale hazard abatement projects contained within the Los Osos Community Wildfire Protection Plan.
5. **ALTERNATIVES.** What alternatives does your agency recommend be analyzed in the EIR?
None
6. **REASONABLY FORESEEABLE PROJECTS, PROGRAMS or PLANS.** Please name any future project, programs or plans that you think may have an overlapping influence with the project as proposed.
None
7. **RELEVANT INFORMATION.** Please provide references for any available, appropriate documentation you believe may be useful to the County in preparing the EIR/NEPA document. Reference to and/or inclusion of such documents in an electronic format would be appreciated.
None
8. **FURTHER COMMENTS.** Please provide any further comments or information that will help the County to scope the document and determine the appropriate level of environmental assessment.

Thank you for consideration of these comments. Inclusion of these activities in the HCP will improve our ability to continue to serve the community while providing necessary environmental protections for these species.

Respectfully,



Kathy Kivley
General Manager

Los Osos Community Services District